foreign students are not advised on the options available; the International Students Hostal is lacking in facilities to make it a self-contained unit; the allotment of seats in this Hostel is done at random; there is a social gap between them and most Indian students. With the meagre monthly scholarship of Rs. 600 they cannot think of any other form of recreation except drinkig tea and sleeping. It is also alleged that the Foreign Students' Adviser in the University is not providing adequate and proper assistance to the students in admission, selecting courses of study etc. etc.

According to the Delhi University, there is no discrimination against foreign students in the University. They organise their cultural programmes in which Indian students also participate fully. Foreign students can take part in various sports activities and mix freely with Indian students. Some rooms are allotted to Indian students in the International Students Hostel and similarly foreign students are allotted rooms in other hostels with a view to make their intermingling with Indian students easier and to avoid any feeling of isolation among them. A large number of foreign students come to the University every year to pursue their studies because of its high academic standards and facilities the University is able to offer to them. The University has appointed a Professor as Foreign Students' Adviser who extends all possible information, guidance and assistance to foreign students in seeking admission and in selecting the courses of study etc. etc.

Freight charged by Railways

1779. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways charge freight at piecemeal rate against rake indent, when the authorities are unable to supply required number of wagons to constitute a train load;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions to stop this practice; and

(c) whether representations have been received by the authorities from several Chambers of Commerce and Industry from Gujarat and elsewhere and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Railways have been instructed that when indents are placed for train loads, efforts should be made to allot the required number of wagons in one lot to the maximum extent possible. When it is not possible to do so on account of any reason, a relaxation has been given that train load rate should be charged if all the wagons forming part of the train are loaded within 72 hours from the time of supply a first lot of wagons. No further relaxation in this regard is contemplated.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received through Members of Parliament and the position has been suitably explained to them.

Hospitals in Delhi

1780. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of hospitals along with beds in Delhi at present;

(b) whether the number of beds are sufficient to meet the demand;

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to open more allopathic hospitals in Delhi; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and by when these hospitals will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Total number of Hospitals: 71 Total number of beds: 15763

(b) No.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to construct two 500 bedded hospitals and seven 100 bedded hospitals on the periphery of Delhi. The 500 bedded hospitals are in advanced stages of construction. Approval has already been obtained for construction of four hundred bedded hospitals.

Regional Director of Post

1781. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Regional Directors of Post in the country, State-wise, till March, 31, 1987;

(b) what is the number of Regional Directors of Post in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of Regional Director of Post in Uttar Pradesh in view of the fact that the population of Uttar Pradesh is very large?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The number of Posts of Regional Directors for various States Regional Directors for various States (See below)

(b) There are 4 posts of Regional Directors sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh State.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

Number of posts of Regional Directors sanctioned for various States

Sl. No.	States	No. of Posts
1	Andhra Pradesh	4
2	Bihar	2
3	Gujarat	2
4	West Bengal	3
5	Madhya Pradesh	2
6	Karnataka	2
7	Tamil Nadu	4
8	Kerala	2
9	Uttar Pradesh	4
10	Maharashtra	4
11	Orissa	1
12	Rajasthan	2
13	Himachal Pradesh	1
14	Punjab	1
15	Haryana	1
16	North Eastern States and Union Territories (Composite N.E. Postal Circle)	1
17	Delhi	Nil
18	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil